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## **Terry Goddard and Mark Shurtleff to Host Colorado City/Hildale Town Hall**

(Phoenix, Ariz. – February 23, 2005) Arizona Attorney General Terry Goddard and Utah Attorney General Mark Shurtleff will host a Town Hall meeting to discuss what Arizona and Utah are doing to help victims of domestic violence and child abuse from polygamous communities. The Town Hall will be held on March 3 at 7:00 p.m. at the Holiday Inn in St. George, Utah. The meeting will include an open forum for discussion and questions from the audience.

This Town Hall is part of a continuing outreach effort by Arizona and Utah to address the issues facing the residents of Colorado City and Hildale. These efforts include the creation of the Arizona Safe Passage Program that provided approximately \$80,000 for:

- A victim advocate in the Mohave County Attorney's Office.
- Funds for the Mohave County Sheriff's Office to provide transportation assistance to domestic violence and child abuse victims from Colorado City to nearby shelters or locations outside Mohave County.
- Specialized training for state agencies and other organizations working with victims of polygamous communities.
- Expanded outreach efforts in the Colorado City/Hildale area.

In addition to this funding, the Utah Attorney General's Office was recently awarded a \$700,000 grant from the U.S. Department of Justice to help domestic violence victims from polygamous communities in Arizona and Utah.

The following is the information for the Town Hall:

<b>What:</b>	Town Hall hosted by Arizona Attorney General Terry Goddard and Utah Attorney General Mark Shurtleff
<b>When:</b>	March 3, 2005 7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.
<b>Where:</b>	Holiday Inn - 850 South Bluff, St. George, Utah

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